

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ingo Schulze
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Group Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin
Title: WASHING AND RINSING METHOD FOR A
WASHING MACHINE

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW
AND
APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

This Statement is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated August 8, 2011, and the Telephonic Interview conducted on August 29, 2011, and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Please amend the application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 15-42 were previously pending in the application. Claims 15-24 and 29-34 have been withdrawn.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in the telephonic interview conducted with Applicants' Representative, John J. Dresch, Reg. No. 46,672, on August 29, 2011. Applicants submit this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

Claims 15, 17, 21-29, 31, 33, 34, 37, 38, and 40-42.

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

None.

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

The Amendments to claims 15, 17, 21-29, 31, 33, 34, 37, 38, and 40-42, and cancelation of claims 16, 19, 30, 32, 35, and 36 in the Amendment C filed on July 25, 2011. (The Advisory Action dated August 8, 2011, indicates that the Amendment raises new issues and has not been entered. This Statement is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination to enter the Amendment C.)

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

Applicants' representative clarified that the Amendment C filed on July 25, 2011, amends the withdrawn method claims 15-24 and 29-34 to correspond to the elected apparatus claims in order to prepare these claims for rejoinder upon allowance of the apparatus claims and to avoid a loss of right of rejoinder, in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 821.04, second paragraph.

Applicants' representative clarified that the reply to the Restriction Requirement in the Amendment C filed on July 25, 2011, was intended to clarify that the method claims 15-24 and 29-34, as amended by Amendment C, are believed to satisfy the unity of invention requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.475(b), and therefore, that the non-elected claims may be properly reconsidered and rejoined under M.P.E.P. § 821.04 upon the allowance of elected apparatus claims 25-28 and 35-42. See, e.g., M.P.E.P. § 1893.03(d), 37 C.F.R. § 1.475, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.499.

Applicants' representative clarified that the Amendment C filed on July 25, 2011, did not cancel claims 15-24 and 29-34, but rather, maintained claims 15-24 and 29-34 as 'withdrawn' in order to preserve the opportunity to have these claims reconsidered and rejoined in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04(b) upon the allowance of the elected apparatus claims 25-28 and 35-42. See, also 37 C.F.R. § 1.144.

For these reasons, Applicants submitted that the Amendment C filed on July 25, 2011, satisfies the requirements for a complete reply.

Applicants' representative noted that a Request for Continued Examination is being filed to enter the Amendment filed on July 25, 2011.

In the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner also discussed the features of the circumferential speed of the laundry drum in m/s.

E. Results of the Interview:

The Examiner kindly noted that the Amendments to the withdrawn claims are proper and that the withdrawn claims will be considered for rejoinder upon an indication of allowance of the elected apparatus claims.

Regarding the elected apparatus claims, Applicants will contact the Examiner to schedule a personal interview after the filing of the Request for Continued Examination and entry of the Amendment filed on July 25, 2011, and prior to the first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, in order to discuss possible amendments to further define the structure and function of the invention, and to clarify the distinctions between the invention and the applied reference to thereby place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant Initiated Interview Request

Applicants respectfully request a personal interview with the Examiner in the above mentioned application, prior to the first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (which accompanies this Statement) in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.01(III) and § 713.02.

As mentioned above, Applicants' representative will contact the Examiner subsequent to filing the Request for Continued Examination to schedule the personal interview.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Statement, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,

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